

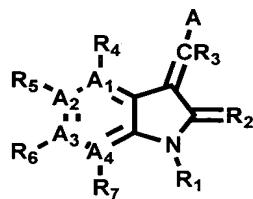
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 – 7. (Previously cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) A compound having the formula VI



(VI)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

- (a)  $A_1, A_2, A_3$ , and  $A_4$  are carbon;
- (b)  $R_1$  is hydrogen or alkyl;
- (c)  $R_2$  is oxygen;
- (d)  $R_3$  is hydrogen;
- (e)  $R_4, R_5, R_6$ , and  $R_7$  are optionally present and are each independently selected from (i) the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, alkaryl, alkaryloxy, halogen, trihalomethyl,  $S(O)R$ ,  $SO_2NRR'$ ,  $SO_3R$ ,  $SR$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $NRR'$ ,  $OH$ ,  $CN$ ,  $C(O)R$ ,  $OC(O)R$ ,  $NHC(O)R$ ,  $(CH_2)_nCO_2R$ , and  $CONRR'$ ;
- (f)  $n$  is 0, 1, 2, or 3;
- (g)  $R$  is H, alkyl or aryl;

(h) R' is H, alkyl or aryl; and

(i) A is a pyrrole ring, ~~optionally substituted with unsubstituted alkyl at the 3- and 5-positions of the pyrrole ring, and substituted with at one or more positions with~~ alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, alkaryl, alkaryloxy, halogen, trihalomethyl, S(O)R, SO<sub>2</sub>NRR', SO<sub>3</sub>R, SR, NO<sub>2</sub>, NRR', OH, CN, C(O)R, OC(O)R, NHC(O)R, (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>R or CONRR' ~~at the 4-position of the pyrrole ring.~~

9. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient and a compound according to Claim 8.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)